

House Resolution No. 779

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Damon Covington on Sunday, February 20, 2005, at the age of fifty-eight; and

Whereas, a former firefighter who had operated a business in his hometown of Berkeley for the past twenty-four years, Damon Covington was universally praised as a true Good Samaritan whose mother had raised him and his younger sister, Melvina Covington, to help others when they had the opportunity; and

Whereas, Damon Covington was killed when he stopped to assist at an early-morning, wrong-way accident on Interstate 170 and was struck by another vehicle driven by a suspected drunk driver; and

Whereas, a 1966 graduate of Central High School, Damon Covington earned a scholarship to Southwest Missouri State University where he hoped to put his football experiences and skills to good use to reach a spot in the National Football League; and

Whereas, an automobile accident in 1967 halted his initial plans, but he subsequently played for the Chicago Fire and Florida Blazers in the World Football League until that league folded in 1975; and

Whereas, while serving as a firefighter in the old Moline Fire Protection District in 1979, Damon Covington also was following his dreams by playing wide receiver and backup quarterback for the minor league Saint Louis Metro Stars; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to commemorate the lifetime achievements of such meritorious Missourians as the late Damon Covington:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Damon Covington and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Damon Covington of Berkeley, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative John L. Bowman, Sr.
District No. 70

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 779, adopted February 24, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker